

Santa Clara Valley Science & Engineering Fair Association

Assistance Disclosure Form

(Required per project)

Note: This form is required for all projects. For team projects, all members and parents must sign the form. List all sources of assistance—that includes any company, business, clinic, RRI (regulated research institute), summer program, university-affiliated staff members, staff members at any other organization besides your school or parent, including anyone providing you with advice, data, analytical help, laboratory space, online training, class outside of school, coaching, use of AI, etc. Failure to provide full disclosure before the fair may result in disqualification of the project.

A separate paragraph is required for each additional source, i.e. outside assistance from more than one person, organization, company, summer program, online training, class, coaching, RRI, etc.

Student Responsibilities (adapted from ISEF)

Participating in the SCVSEFA competition carries moral and ethical responsibilities for every young person. SCVSEFA expects students to act with honor and integrity when conducting scientific research and in interacting with their peer community.

- Scientific fraud and misconduct are prohibited at all levels of research and competition
- Student scientists must not fabricate data or images, plagiarize or present someone else’s work as their own
- Student scientists must differentiate their own work from the work of others and cite all sources
- Student scientists must respect confidentiality and intellectual property

While pre-collegiate scientific research is an educational process that includes the potential for errors and omissions, it is essential that students’ intentions remain honest and free from deceit.

SCVSEFA’s Assistance Disclosure of Additional Project Assistance

Date:

Title of Project:

Student Participant(s) Name(s):

Student(s) Email(s):

School Name, County, and Contact email (if on a team list all schools, counties and emails):

Check the box that applies to your project below:

I (We) **did NOT** use any *additional assistance from or by: an organization, company, business, clinic, university-affiliated staff members, staff members at any other organization (summer program, online training, class outside of school, coaching), or parent or teacher with an advanced degree in my/our topic area, or anyone else providing you with advice, data, analytical help, laboratory space, RRI (regulated research institute), use of A.I. etc.* on this project (by checking this box you do not need to fill out sections A, B, or C of this form, but you still need to sign and date section “D” below).

I (We) **did not use** *additional assistance not previously documented.*

I (We) **did use** *additional assistance from or by:*
a parent or teacher with an advanced degree in my/our topic area, any company, business, clinic, university-affiliated staff members, staff members at any other organization besides your school or parent, anyone providing you with advice, data, analytical help, laboratory space, RRI (regulated research institute), summer program, online training, class outside of school, coaching, use of AI, etc. for this project.

By checking this box you must disclose the information for sections A, B and C below. Use additional pages as needed.

A. Name of person and email address supplying additional assistance, area of expertise, advanced degree (BA/S, MA/S, Ph.d, MD, etc), and place of employment:

B. Name of laboratory, organization, company/business, A.I., etc., providing the support or physical space to conduct your project:

C. In a paragraph, explain how this person, organization, or program is **specifically** helping you with your project. Failure to completely disclose and explain how you were assisted may result in disqualification.

D. Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____